Proposal for Industrial Development of Bodoland Autonomous Council Area

390. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals for Industrial Development of Bodoland Autonomous Council area in Assam taken at Second Seminar for Economic Development of BAC Area held at Udalguri on the 10 February, 2000; and

(b) what measures have been proposed by Government specially to develop the area industrially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Central Government and the Government of Assam are totally committed to the socio-economic development of the Bodoland Autonomous Council (BAC) area. The second Seminar for economic development of the BAC area was jointly organized by the Central Government and the Government of Assam at Udalguri on 10.2.2000. Recommendations relating to industrial development and allied sectors made in the second BAC seminar are as follows:

i. Sanction of a project for setting up 1000 Bee keeping units in the BAC area.

ii. The upgradation of ITIs at Mazbat and Udalguri.

iii. Setting up of a Women Polytechnic in the BAC area.

iv. Preparation and sanction of Research & Development project for survey, market assessment, feasibility study and design development for product diversification for the development of Handloom industry in the BAC area by North-East Development Finance Corporation Ltd., (NEDFI).

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Probe into the Death of U.P. Official

391. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news report captioned "Senior UP Official's death to be probed" published in the Hindustan Times dated the 4th July, 2000;